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Attention: Mr. John Drabek, P.E.

Subject: Notification of Noncompliance  
Sand and Gravel General Permit No. WAG 50-3191  
Glacier Northwest, Inc. Duwamish Plant  
Seattle, Washington

Dear Mr. Drabek:

The purpose of this letter is to provide notification of noncompliance or possible noncompliance with the provisions of the Sand and Gravel General Permit at the Glacier Northwest, Inc. Seattle Plant, Permit No. WAG 50-3191, in accordance Special Condition S6.E of the permit. An investigation conducted in response to an employee report has discovered that last Thursday, May 10, an employee used a hose and city water to wash down the bank next to our loading dock, which is located at Slip 2 on the Duwamish Waterway. Use of the hose may have resulted in the discharge of sand and gravel into the slip.

The use of a hose in this manner is against company policies and procedures. Our standard practice is to remove sand and gravel that accumulates on the bank using shovels and a bobcat, and to prevent the material being unloaded from entering the waterway. We have also been upgrading our facilities at this location over time to eliminate even minimal losses of sand and gravel from the dockside conveyor and the accumulation of sand and gravel on the bank.

On completing our investigation, the employee responsible was disciplined by termination. We have also scheduled a refresher training session for our yard operators for this Friday, May 18 to discuss this incident and stormwater pollution prevention in general. Additionally, we intend to construct an access ramp and containment barrier alongside the loading dock to ease cleanup of the area and to better capture any sand and gravel from barge unloading. We will be proceeding with this construction as soon as we can either obtain necessary permits from the City of Seattle, or confirmation that the construction is exempt from the substantial development requirements of the Seattle Master Use Permit program.

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Please call me at (206) 768-7612 if you should have any questions or require further information about this matter.

Sincerely,



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